GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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COTTON TECHNOLOGY MISSION .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched Cotton Technology Mission to improve the yield and quality of cotton;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Mission;

(c) the target fixed for production of cotton under this Mission and achievements made in the country particularly in the backward cotton growing region of Orissa;

(d) the steps taken for attracting the farmers to cotton cultivation;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up a Cotton Board on the lines of Tobacco and Tea Board; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India has launched Technology Mission onCotton in February, 2000 to increase yield and quality of cotton. The Mission consists of four Mini-Missions. Mini-Mission-I is looked after by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for developing production technologies in cotton, while the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is responsible for Mini-Mission-II for increasing production of cotton. The Ministry of Textiles is the nodal Ministry for the implementation of Mini- Mission-III & IV.Mini-Mission-III provides assistance for the development of marketinfrastructure, while in Mini-Mission-IV, assistance is provided for the modernization of ginning and pressing factories.

(c) & (d): The annual targets of cotton production fixed for all India and Orissa and achievements during 2000-2001, are as under:

(In lakh bales of 170kg. each)

	Target	Achievement
All India	145.00	96.52
Orissa	1.00	0.65

In order to popularize the cotton cultivation amongst the farmers, the Centrallysponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini-Mission-IIof Technology Mission on Cotton is being implementing in 13 States including Orissa.Under the scheme the assistance is being provided for transfer of technology through demonstration on production technology, integrated pest management and training of farmers/extension workers as well as supply of inputs to the farmers such as seeds, sprayers, bio-agent, pheromone traps and water saving devices like sprinkler sets and drip irrigation system.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Question does not arise.